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SUBJECT: AIF SPONSORED VISIT TO SOVIET NUCLEAR FACILITIES
BY US JOURNALISTS.

REF: MOSCOW 17403 (NOTAL)

1. ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL FORUM (AIF) HAS ASKED SOVIET EMBASSY
SCIENCE OFFICE TO CONVEY ITS LATEST PROPOSED ITINERARY TO
THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR UTILIZATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY
(SCAE). KEY POINTS ARE (COPIES BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEE
POSTS):

SEPT. 20 - ARRIVE MOSCOW
SEPT. 21 - SERPHUKOV AND KURCHATOV
SEPT. 22 - VISIT OBNINSK NUCLEAR RESEARCH AND TRAINING
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SEPT. 23 - TO LENINGRAD; VISIT RBMK-1000
SEPT. 24 - SIGHTSEEING
SEPT. 25 - TO FINLAND
SEPT. 26 - TO LENINGRAD AND VORONEZH
SEPT. 27 - VORONEZH AND VOLGODONSK (ATOMASH)
SEPT. 28 - TO SHEVCHENKO, BN-350
SEPT. 29 - TO BEYLOYARSK

SEPT. 30 - BN-600 AND CONVENTIONAL REACTOR VISIT

OCT. 1 - TO MOSCOW

OCT. 2 - FREE IN MOSCOW; POSSIBLE VISIT US EMBASSY

OCT. 3 - DEPART FOR WASHINGTON

EMBASSY WILL NOTE NOVOSIBIRSK NOW DROPPED (REFTEL).

2. 18 US JOURNALISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TWO AIF STAFF MEMBERS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE. AIF ADVISED DEPARTMENT THAT, AS WAS CASE FOR PREVIOUS SIMILAR TRIP TO WESTERN EUROPE, IT DOES NOT PLAN TO INCLUDE US JOURNALISTS RESIDENT IN HOST COUNTRIES.

3. AIF WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS TO REVIEW TRIP AND EXCHANGE VIEWS, PREFERABLY OCT. 2. AIF IS STILL CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF EMBASSY OFFICER TO ACCOMPANY, BUT IS EVIDENTLY CONCERNED THAT JOURNALISTS IN PARTY WOULD PREFER TO TRAVEL WITHOUT ESCORT. AIF WILL GIVE DEFINITIVE REPLY ON THIS POINT LATER. VANCE

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